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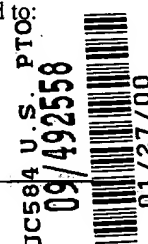
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RE: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CARDIAC SURGERY

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:
09/293,630, filed April 16, 1999, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 24 page(s) of specification
- ☒ 08 page(s) of claims
- ☒ 01 page of Abstract
- ☒ 31 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s).

In view of the MISSING DECLARATION as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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